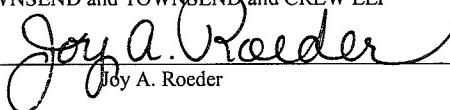


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Applicants gratefully acknowledge the helpful and courteous interview with Examiners Colello and Manahan on October 20, 2009. At that interview, it was agreed that the Schuetz (U.S. patent No. 5,843,090) reference that had previously been relied on does not disclose or render obvious Applicant's claims. Applicant notes that Thompson is referred to in the Examiner's Interview Summary, but this appears to be a typographical error in view of the interview of co-pending, co-owned U.S. Application No. 11/745,778 on the same date in which the Examiner agreed that Thompson et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0163189) in combination with Spreigl et al ( U.S. Patent No. 6,161,029) and Lashinski et al (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0035393) did not disclose or render obvious performing an angioplasty by dilating a balloon catheter at a treatment site to dilate an area of stenosis as set forth in the '778 claims. In addition to the previous references relied on, U.S.

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Patent No. 5,639,274 to Fischell et al.; U.S. Patent No. 6,833,002 to Stack et al.; and U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0163156 to Hebert were each discussed. It was agreed that the present claims also distinguish over these newly discussed references. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,639,274 and 6,833,002 are being cited in an accompanying Information Disclosure Statement. U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0163156 has previously been made of record herein.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and requested that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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